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Dear Citizens,

We are so fortunate to live in a county that offers diversity in all we do. We have dedicated this year's State of the County Annual Report to that unique attribute by choosing the theme *Diversity in Landscape, Lifestyle, and Leisure*.

Lake County truly offers something for everyone whether they are residents or visitors, young or old. With direction from our Board of Commissioners and the tireless efforts of our staff, we have made great strides in molding our numerous resources to benefit Lake County citizens. Our natural lakes provide both recreational and serene landscapes, and we have enhanced our programs to ensure their ongoing quality and longevity. Our rolling hills and forests provide an enticing setting for trails, which now connect many sites in our county. Community centers, housing assistance options, and agricultural programs are also important elements of your County government services.

Transportation infrastructure and public safety are among the highest priorities of Lake County government. By supporting our proposed funding mechanisms, citizens joined us in the efforts to ensure that these two essential programs keep up with the ever-increasing needs of a growing population.

With our diverse and picturesque landscape, an ongoing vibrant economy and a tourism industry that has surpassed expectations, Lake County is an exciting place to be. The challenge of the future is to balance the needs of the community with the resources available to meet those needs.

The Countys administrative team is focused on delivering services to you that continue to make Lake County a great place to live, work and play. As County Manager, I pledge to you to preserve our unique diversity with enthusiasm and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Neron".

Bill Neron
County Manager